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Congressman Scott Tipton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
835 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite 230  
Durango, CO 81301

Dear Congressman Tipton,

The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners will support the proposed National Park Expansion Tract entitled "National Monument Proposed Boundary Revision" numbered 318/105,085, dated August 2010.

As a condition of support, we contend that the acquisition be via private donation only, and that no public funds be expended for the acquisition, with the exception that the Secretary of the Interior may pay administrative costs of such donations with appropriated funds.

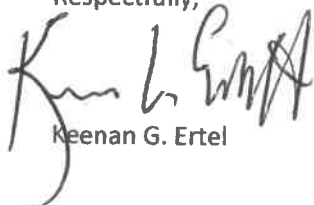
As an additional condition of support we request written assurances that every effort will be made to expedite the release the following WSA's from Wilderness Study Area designation and restore "multiple use status" as per the BLM's formal 1991 recommendations to Congress.

- 1.) Weber Mountain
- 2.) Menefee Mountain
- 3.) Cahone Canyon
- 4.) Cross Canyon
- 5.) Squaw and Papoose Canyon

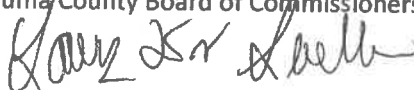
We believe that this acquisition is in the best interest of the general public and that the acquisition will help to relieve the burden of adjacent landowners affected by the current public visitation of the Yucca House National Monument.

Thank you for this opportunity to state our support and we hope that this legislation can move forward without any further delays.

Respectfully,

  
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